



HE'S A CANINE ACCOMPANIST - 'Claude' Hopper, sitting on the lap of Sharon Hopper, was well-received during a performance by Dale Hopper on Saturday,

June 16 at Horizon Village in Grants Pass. The Hoppers, who live in O'Brien, perform around the area, and 'Claude' enjoys singing along. (Photo by I.V. News)

2-car collision near Sis’s Gap possibly caused by blow-out

Two cars, one with three young people in it, collided on Hwy. 199 between mileposts 22 and 23 on Friday, June 15 near 2:15 p.m.

Oregon State Police identified the drivers as Grants Pass resident Trevor Hanks, 20, who was using a SOASTIC-owned Sentra; and Jerron Smith, 19, also of Grants Pass, driving a Neon.

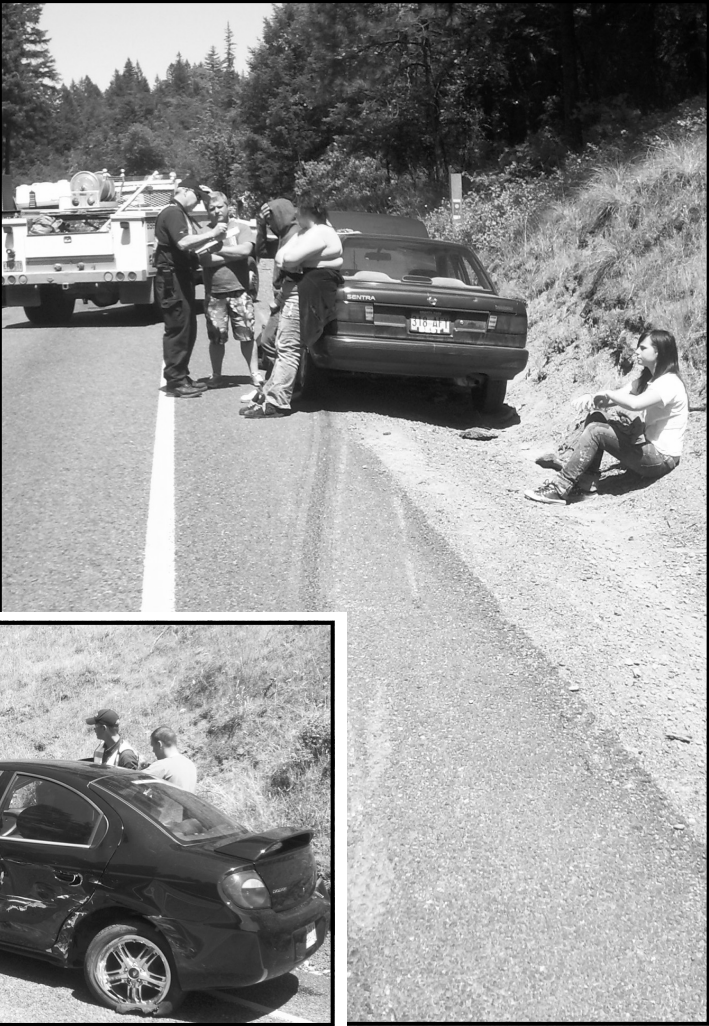
OSP said that Hanks’ passengers were Joshua, 15, of Springfield; Madison, 15, of Merlin; and Haley, 8, of Castle Rock, Wash. Last names were not provided. They suffered minor injuries, OSP said.

Smith was not reported injured. OSP was assisted by Illinois Valley Fire District and American Medical Re-

sponse. The crash caused delays for traffic.

OSP said that Hanks was northbound when a “pop” was heard, as though a tire blew. The vehicle went onto the opposing lane, and both drivers tried to avoid a collision. The vehicles ended up some 75 yards apart.

Illinois Valley Fire District and American Medical Response aided those in the vehicles and helped with traffic control.



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County chairman plan for budgeting denied

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lars were discontinued.

District Attorney Stephen Campbell said that under Raffenburg’s plan, he would have three fewer deputy district attorneys to handle cases.

Raffenburg’s budget proposal allocated \$1.3 million to the D.A.’s office, rather than the \$1.7 million under the alternative plan.

“We need stability in our office,” Campbell said.

Campbell said that recruiting top talent to his office would be much more difficult under Raffenburg’s plan, and that his staff’s overall skill and experience levels would drop.

Janine Wilson, Juvenile Justice Division manager, defended funding for that program’s shelter facility, which was eliminated under Raffenburg’s proposal.

“I believe the shelter is a much-needed component of public safety,” Wilson said.

Raffenburg’s plan called for a \$1.3 million Juvenile Justice budget, down from the \$2.3 proposed under the alternate budget.

Bill Landis, a commander with the Grants Pass Dept. of Public Safety (GPDPS) testified to the importance of the shelter facility. He stated that 400 juveniles were transported there last year.

County residents then gave an earful to committee members during the public hearing portion of the meeting. *U.S. Observer* publisher Ed Snook used the opportunity to criticize Campbell’s performance in office.

“We do not have a good D.A.,” Snook said.

Snook accused Campbell’s office of false prosecutions, but reiterated his support for Gilbertson and Undersheriff Don Fasching.

“I want them to be funded,” Snook said.

However, Snook said that he would hold the commissioners “personally responsible” if they didn’t cut Campbell’s budget.

Longtime activist Paul Walter echoed Snook’s comments.

“If you prosecute the real crimes in the county, you don’t need eight deputy D.A.s,” Walter said. “Cut (Campbell) to the bone and give it to the sheriff.”

Former commissioner Tony Corriea pleaded with committee members not to seek another levy, stating that the cost of living has risen during the last 30 years he’s lived in the county.

Corriea said that public reaction against the commissioners would be very strong

if another levy were pursued.

“You are almost certain to be recalled if there’s another levy,” Corriea said. “I think there’s other ways of doing this.”

Will Schacher, an announcer with radio station KLDL, suggested that the county not single out property owners as a means of raising revenue. He said county officials should hold a “will of the people” forum to solicit ideas from the public.

“We’ve got a lot of brilliant people here,” Shocker said. “It’s up to the citizens of Josephine County to step up to the plate right now.”

After the public hearing, Budget Committee Chairman Ron Strom expressed support for Raffenburg’s proposal.

“It’s a bit of a gamble to go with the O&C (federal monies) budget and hope for the best,” Strom said.

Commissioner Dwight Ellis praised Gilbertson for his performance in office, and said that the county should give the sheriff what he needs to do his job.

“I have confidence in our sheriff,” Ellis said. “We have to come up with a plan to help him.”

Toler reiterated that he considered Raffenburg’s plan “unsafe for the public.”

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authorization bill to challenge President Bush’s handling of the war, and it will be debated before Congress adjourns for its July 4 recess.

According to Wyden, debate will “provide the op-

portunity for further votes in the Senate on timetables, benchmarks and real ways to force accountability with respect to the changes that are going to be necessary in Iraq to bring about self-governance.”

Help for prostate problems includes many approaches

As men age, it’s not uncommon that they find they make more frequent trips to the bathroom -- especially in the middle of the night.

For most men, this inconvenience is often made worse by the need to push or strain while urinating. Some even encounter pain or burning while urinating.

While the majority of men older than 60 experience these symptoms, most are not aware of what causes them. Symptoms such as these may be signs of an enlarged prostate, one of the most common urological disorders affecting men past 60.

In fact, 60 percent of men more than 60, and up to 80 percent of men past 80 have an enlarged prostate.

An enlarged prostate, or benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH), is not life threatening. It is not a form of prostate cancer, nor does it lead to prostate cancer.

BPH symptoms differ depending on the severity of the condition. The most common symptoms include:

- Waking at night to urinate.
- Frequent need to urinate (sometimes every two hours or less).

- Pain or burning during urination.
- Repeated, sudden or uncontrollable urge to urinate.
- Pushing or straining to begin urination.
- Feeling as though the bladder does not empty during urination.
- Dribbling after urination.

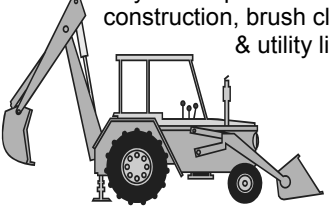
As a man ages, the chance of developing BPH increases. This is because of growth patterns associated with the prostate. After a male reaches 40, a second round of prostate growth often occurs as a natural part of aging.

Although there is no known cure for BPH, there are medications and procedures available to reduce the symptoms. They range from prescription oral medications and surgical procedures to minimally invasive, office-based procedures that can provide rapid symptom relief.

If you think that you or a loved one has BPH, you can visit www.understandbph.com or phone toll-free, (877) 274-2273, to learn more about the condition, find information on current treatment options and locate physicians who specialize in the treatment of BPH.

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